



Questions for Dr. McNutt/DOI about FRTG from The Associated Press

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What about my request for the list of members of the FRTG? This should be public information, in fact according to President Barack Obama's openness and transparency policy and the Department of Interior's own policy, it is public information. Can you please provide me with the list of members of the FRTG and its subgroups, particularly the video subgroup?

And can someone answer this question by 2p.m. EDT tomorrow: A member of the video subgroup team says BP has been dragging its heels and is not providing much high resolution quality video of the main leak (not the smaller BOP one)? Is this the case and what is DOI and the FRTG going to do about it? How big a problem is it? And why hasn't USGS and DOI made an issue publicly about the BP's foot-dragging?

I will be writing a story on this issue with or without comment from DOI.

Thank you,
Seth

From: Barkoff, Kendra [mailto:Kendra_Barkoff@ios.doi.gov]
Sent: Monday, May 24, 2010 5:36 PM
To: Borenstein, Seth
Cc: Wade, Anne-Berry
Subject: RE: AP Science Writer seeks to talk to Dr. McNutt about FRTG

Hi Seth,
Thanks for your interest in speaking with Dr. McNutt. Unfortunately she is not available.
Free to check back in in the coming days.
Kendra

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Dr. McNutt (and AB),
I'm Seth Borenstein, science writer for The Associated Press. A few minutes ago, White House Press Secretary Robert Gibbs said you are in charge of the federal flow rate task group (FRTG). I have lots of

questions about what you all are doing, how you are doing, the information you are getting and when you will be able to produce and estimate, and what it will be based on. Can we talk on the phone for just five minutes?

My office is 202-641-9454; My cell is [REDACTED] 

Thank you and I'm looking forward to hearing from you.
Seth

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